



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 03495-0194-01000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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MAVROMARA et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1636
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Application No.: 10/664,038	)	Examiner: Not yet assigned
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Filed: September 17, 2003	)	
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For: NUCLEIC ACIDS AND NEW	)	
POLYPEPTIDES ASSOCIATED	)	
WITH AND/OR OVERLAPPING	)	
WITH HEPATITIS C VIRUS CORE	)	
GENE PRODUCTS	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper, beginning on  
page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are included in this paper, beginning on page 3.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are included in the attached replacement  
drawing sheets, and are discussed in this paper, beginning on page 8.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper, beginning on  
page 9.